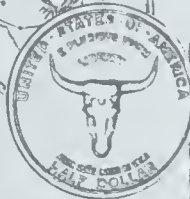
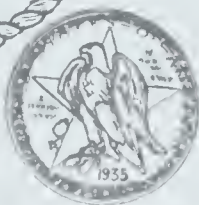


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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Fellow Members — now that the holidays are behind us perhaps we can spend more time on building our collections. I truly hope that Santa Claus was good to all of you and yours and that your families are enjoying good health. Eleanor and I spent Christmas in Austin with three of our children and spent some of the holidays in Arlington with Katherine and our granddaughter, Katie. We had a wonderful time.

As citizens of our good old U.S.A. one of our most important privileges is that of voting, but so few exercise that right. The same is true of the TNA membership. Generally, we have a voting participation of about 30%, far lower than it should be. Let's see if we can at least double that figure. **WHEN YOU GET YOUR BALLOT — VOTE.** Even in an uncontested race I think it's important to show your interest by voting. To do otherwise indicates that you really don't care and encourage others to vote.

It was recently reported in the Fort Worth Coin Club Newsletter that Elleta Havens is no longer our

librarian. The fact is Elleta continues to be our librarian. At our recent board meeting I told the board that we may soon have to move our library since the building in which it is currently housed has been sold. Since the library may have to be located in another city, then we may have to appoint another person as librarian. Paul Garner volunteered to make space available to us and, if need be, to be the librarian. No appointment of any other person as librarian has been made at this time.

Please don't forget that **DUES ARE NOW DUE.** If you have not done so pay yours now. See you next month.

Nominees for 1987-1989  
TNA officers will be  
announced in the Feb-  
ruary **TNA News**. Bal-  
lots will be included in  
the March issue.



## LAFITTE/WHOOPING CRANE FEATURED FOR COIN WEEK

Glen Littrell  
Corpus Christi, Texas

A Frenchman named Jean Lafitte migrated from Quebec to New Orleans to become America's most celebrated pirate in the early 1800's. From his headquarters on Barataria Bay in the Mississippi Delta he preyed on mostly Spanish vessels in the Gulf of Mexico. Smuggling in those days was considered a very venial sin, if a sin at all. Merchants sold slaves for \$170.00 each and auctioned ill-hegotten treasures from the market place on Bourbon Street.

When General Andrew Jackson arrived in New Orleans to fight the British in the War of 1812 he discovered he was short of manpower. He met both Jean and Pierre Lafitte and was impressed with their combat readiness. He immediately solicited their support. It was with the assistance of these freebooters and swashbucklers that Jackson soundly defeated the British. All of the pirates who served with Jackson on

this mission were granted presidential pardons.

Even so, the "Rohin Hood of the Sea" was not content with his life as a blacksmith and with his "Jolly Rogers" flag flying at the masthead he headed for Galveston and the Texas Coastal Bend. From the estuaries bounded by Matagorda Island and Aransas and St. Charles Bays, Lafitte continued to raid the Spanish galleons laden with precious metals. It was here that he and his men repaired their vessels, took on provisions and between engagements enjoyed rest and recreation.

In 1821 pirating became such a dangerous profession, he assembled his fleet off San Antonio Bay, announced his retirement, divided the spoils and disbanded. Lafitte's share of the loot was so great that it took several days for his superb yawl to move his ocho reales and rare artifacts to an unknown spot off St

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# RANDOMLY YOURS

Robin Ellis  
San Antonio, Texas

Do you know the meaning of "saddle blanket," "broken banks," "store cards," or "depression scrip?" If not, dear reader, read on and you shall learn.

Prior to 1928, all currency notes, except for fractional currency (another subject for another day), were "large size" (as opposed to the notes you use today) and were called, among other names, "saddle blankets" or "horse blankets."

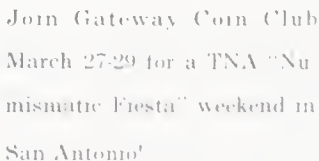
Prior to the Civil War — "The War Between the States" or "The War of Sucession," if you will — the United States issued no paper currency (a short-lived attempt by the Bank of the United States is not counted here). However, local banks, state authorized or "back door" types, did issue paper currency often, eventually to the sorrow of persons near and far. These banks were often undercapitalized and often issued more "paper" than they could ever hope to cover with specie. Often they went broke, sometimes quickly or sometimes holding out for a few years. Ergo — broken bank.

Store cards were actually tokens, issued with the name and location of a business; they were intended both as coins, with stated values, and as a means of advertising the business. Begun in England in the 17th century, they migrated to the U.S. Here, they were in use for approximately 30-35 years during the period from the 1830's to the 1860's. Most were of our present one cent size but others

were the size of half dollars. From the east coast, where they were produced initially in copper, they spread westward where the metal content sometimes changed to tin, brass, bronze or zinc, and the size and shape became discretionary with the whims of the merchant.

Depression scrip was, usually, paper printed in the form of a currency with issuer notated as "Smith Bible College" or "Illinois Central R.R.," as examples. This scrip was issued during both the periods 1907-1908 and the early 1930's, when banks were closed, money of any kind in short supply, and mediums of exchange had to be improvised to keep the nation in business. A company such as Sears might issue scrip in (paper) denominations of three or four cents; a town government might issue it in a dollar amount, one to five; and higher level entities might issue even higher denominations.

Other forms of issue were in sheepskin, oyster shell or wooden "flat" form. Traded among the local populace, goods were bought and bills were paid.



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Bill Rapanotti  
David Brand  
Joy Mene  
Larry Spence



# NUMISMATIC TURNCOATS

Gerald Kendall  
Houston, Texas

Throughout history, we have records of turncoats. Even though we usually associate the word "turncoat" with politics, this is not always the case. At this point we will take a look at two English coins which have changed directions by 180 degrees.

The denarius was introduced to the Republic of Rome some two centuries before Christ. It was a silver coin which was carried down through the Roman conquest of Britain and was reflected in the Anglo-Saxon, Norman and successive coinages as the English penny. These silver pennies were struck 12 to the shilling and 20 shillings to the pound. This transposes to 240 pennies to the pound. The pound was not only a unit of money but also a pound of silver.

The silver penny was first introduced circa 765 and was of good silver, sterling, even better than our coinage which was only .900 fine compared to the .925 fine sterling. Silver pennies continued to be struck until the reign of George III (1760-1820). However, they were struck at intervals, and of times, as Maundy money. The copper penny was introduced in 1797 and weighed one ounce. From this point on, silver pennies, except as Maundy money, became extinct.

Henry VIII (1509-1547) is known far better for things than the introduction of the crown. In his second

coinage we see the issue of the crown of the rose, extremely rare, and the crown of the double rose, still a common coin. The new crown coin was of gold and continued into the reign of Charles II (1660-1685), from which it did not emerge. Meanwhile, in the reign of Edward VI (1547-1553), there was introduced a silver coin which was called a crown. This silver coin continued to run parallel to the gold crown for many years. All silver coins were of .925 fine until the reform of George V (1911-1936), which in 1920 debased the silver from .925 fine to .500 fine. So the crown sank to 50% silver until the reform of George VI (1936-1951), at which time (1947) silver was entirely eliminated and replaced with copper nickel.

As we review the passing of the centuries, we can see fine coinages of gold and silver passing from hand to hand of those who must pay the taxes and sinking from valuable to valueless. It is totally unfair to give the undeserving name of "Turncoat" to those who became the scapegoat in the hands of greedy and incompetent governments. How great the turn from gold and silver to copper nickel, brass, bronze and copper

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# THE CRAZY LIFE OF A COIN DEALER

Conclusion  
Gayle K. Pike  
Memphis, Tennessee

*(Continued from December TNA News)*

Upon my arrival in Phoenix I went to the agent and asked about the next Republic flight to Tucson. To my surprise they were going to put me on another airline and get me out to Tucson that night. Every hotel in the city is sold out and I had cancelled my room for the night, but, I'm not about to argue with their generosity. I arrive in Tucson around midnight. I went down to baggage claim first and to my great surprise sitting in the corner were two very familiar pieces of luggage. Something is going my way for a change! I guess the baggage handlers didn't know my bags were on a free ticket and sent them by another airline because my bags made it to Tucson several hours before I did. I started calling hotels praying for a vacancy. I lucked out and got one on the second call. Things are going too good! I called the rental car and they sent the van right over to get me. However, when I got to their office, with my confirmation number in hand, I was told that there was no car available for me. No amount of arguing could make a car appear and they didn't seem to care that the city was sold out for rental cars. By this point all I wanted to do was crawl in bed and pull the covers up over my head and hope for a better day. So this 'X' & rental car agency did me the "great cour-

tesy" of taking me back to the airport. Needless to say that agency will never be used again! After being "dumped" back at the airport another call brought the hotel van. After checking in, I realized I was starving and had just missed the restaurant closing by 10 minutes. Oh well, tomorrow is another day!

Monday started out okay. The first place I called had a car available, so I grabbed it. I checked out of my hotel and into the hotel that was to be my home for the week. Then I rushed down to the show. I spent about six hours at the first hotel and noticed as I drove out of the parking lot that people were staring at me. As I drove down the street several people pointed at me. Everything seemed ok. Finally I rolled down the window only to be told I had a flat tire. Impossible I thought. You can't have a flat and not know it. Guess what? You can on these new cars. Sure enough it was flat as a pancake. I've been driving for 20 years and never had a flat tire, but somehow having one this weekend didn't surprise me.

The rest of the week went very well considering tired feet, aching muscles and exhaustion. Then on Friday I was to check out and head home. When I checked out I found my room rate had been changed from \$31 to

\$39 a day. When I inquired I was told that \$33 was the single rate. I told the desk clerk I was single and that I had a single room all week. At this point the clerk informed me that this couldn't be true 'cause women didn't travel alone! Trying to be very businesslike and not burst out laughing I informed him I was a "real big girl" and had been traveling alone for quite sometime. After several minutes I finally convinced him. Wouldn't he be surprised to know I did it every weekend? I thought of some great things to say, but I decided that most of them would have gone over his head anyway. I got my \$33 rate and laughed all the way to the airport wondering if at age 36 I should get a note from my mother saying I have permission to be out alone.

I had a 2-hour layover in Detroit before my flight to Memphis and had planned to meet a girlfriend for a drink. When I checked in at Tucson I got a real sweetheart of an agent who offered to send me directly to Memphis rather than the scenic route through Detroit. It was tempting. But since I see my girlfriend so seldom and she had made special plans to come out to the airport, I explained to the agent that I had better go on through Detroit. I had to change planes in Phoenix and called her to let her know exactly what time I got into Detroit. Somehow it just fit the pattern when she told me she was sick and had a doctor's appointment and wouldn't be able to make it out to the airport. You can imagine my frustration when I got to Detroit and found out my flight was three hours late. Five hours to kill. It just fig-

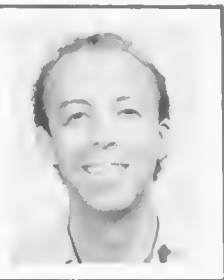
ured. If my girlfriend had been able to come out my plane most certainly would have left exactly on time, but since she couldn't it was late. How do you kill five hours in an airport? You call all your friends in that city and say hi. You try three flavors of ice cream and a bowl of chili. Last, but not least, you memorize the gift shops. Since it was Valentine's Day, I did get a kick out of all the men on their way home rushing in to buy their sweetheart a card and I thought a little sadly of the Valentine cards I had bought and never mailed. I finally made my way to the gate only to find out the flight was going to be another hour late. Finally, we were in the air and the dinner service turned out to be an apple and a slightly frozen ham sandwich. Fortunately I wasn't very hungry thanks to the three ice cream cones I enjoyed during my wait. As luck would have it, I had a young man in his twenties sitting next to me who had just gotten a "Dear John" letter from his girlfriend. Believe it or not he talked nonstop all the way to Memphis. I just wasn't in the mood to give advice to the young man but I didn't have the heart to not listen. I hoped a few yawns would give him the message that I really wanted to sleep. I was thankful for my arrival in Memphis. I grabbed a cab and headed for my mother's house where my car was parked. I had a very nice cab driver and we laughed about my strange trip. He promised to get me home without incident. We arrived at my mom's house and he unloaded my bags and started to the door with them. Halfway up the walk he set

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## junior readin' roundup

Texas Numismatic Association, Inc.

Robert Lacewell — Youth Chairman  
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### “MUSEUMS AND PEANUTS”

It is important to reflect on our hobby once in awhile and ask ourselves why we collect coins.

Besides being an investment for many, collecting involves a certain inner joy. A rich sense of history behind the items in a collection is often a large part of the attraction we have for coins and other numismatic items. The beauty of the artwork on coins is an aesthetic reason for many collectors. Often, collectors look for a personal sense of history and art in coins, and may collect coins from a certain era that fascinates them, or they may collect coins with designs that attract their artistic eye.

These reasons all involve a deep personal involvement in collecting. Yet, there is another important and far reaching reason that involves a “duty” assigned to us as collectors. I read about this reason in a numismatic publication, but I cannot remember who quoted it. “We are not so much the owners of the coins in our collections as we are their trustees for future generations.” This aspect of the hobby intrigues me, to think of our collections as “mini-

museums.” As “curators” we have the important responsibility of preserving historical items for future generations to learn from and enjoy. Just think, an item from your collection might one day be the prize possession of a futuristic archive museum. If you think your collection is not worth much monetarily, remember it is HISTORY and therefore it is priceless.

One study shows that coin collecting is the third most common collectible. You have a hobby that is popular, and one that should be shared with others. As Malcolm S. Forbes, the 67-year-old chairman of Forbes Magazine, Inc. stated, “Collecting is like eating peanuts—you have one and can’t stop.”

Remember, we are planning youth activities for the TNA convention in San Antonio, Texas March 27-29. I hope you will attend.

The Junior Forum is scheduled for Saturday, March 28  
1:00 p.m. Plan to be there!

## from the secretary

Texas Numismatic Association, Inc.

Eleanor Kennady

2901 Silverleaf Dr., Austin, TX 78757

512/452-2675



WELCOME to new members 4922-4930. If approved the following will become members February 1, 1987.

4931 (D-14) Don Bryan, P.O. Box 244, Bishop, Tx. 78343. Mexico. Thomas Jasek.

4932 (D-4) Tom R. Walton Jr. Box 162138, Austin, Tx. 78716-2138. U.S. & World Coins. Miriam Gilmore.

4933 (D-5) Bill Harrison, Box 523, Sherman, Tx. 75090. Canada & Germany. Miriam Gilmore.

4934 (D-1) Jack B. Cole, Box 24347, Fort Worth, Tx. 76124. E. Kennady.

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This new book is a must for collectors of British coins and can be obtained through hobby dealers and coin shops or direct from Krause Publications, 700 E. State St., Iola, WI 54990 at \$40 per copy plus \$2.50 for postage and handling.

# from the treasurer

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Jerry Williams

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TNA NEWS Editor Nov. Allowance & Petty Cash	256.08	
Mac Kennady (Expenses)	57.86	
River Oaks Printing (2 Months)	2,939.04	
Numismatics International Dues	15.00	
A.N.A. (1987 Dues)	25.00	
Eleanor Kennady (stamps)	151.99	
John Childs, Tax Assessor Collector (Personal Property on Cases)	17.42	
City of Dallas, Tax Collector (Personal Property on Cases)	69.79	
Howard Luke (Silver for 1987 Medals)	1,700.00	
Earl's Wholesale Supplies (Supplies for Medals)	58.38	
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TNA Flower Fund as of Nov. 30, 1986	169.51*	
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TNA NEWS Certificate of Deposit as of Nov. 30, 1986	6,788.16	
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		16,706.65
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>19,411.54</b>

# EVENTS CALENDAR

## JANUARY 9-11

**TUCSON COIN CLUB**, annual coin & stamp show, Tucson Community Center. **BOURSE:** Dave Cox, Box 17021, Tucson, AZ 85731.

## FEBRUARY 7

**SILSBEE COIN CLUB**, 1st annual show, Community Center, Hwy. 965, Silsbee. **BOURSE:** Jack Provost, Box 1676, Silsbee 77656.

## FEBRUARY 21-22

**MID-SEASON COIN & STAMP SHOW**, 5th annual, Green Oaks Inn, 6901 West Freeway I-30. **CONTACT:** Joe Wade, 6420 Diamond Loch, Fort Worth 76180, 817 485-1777.

## MARCH 6-8

**INTERNATIONAL COIN CLUB**, El Paso, annual show, Rode-way Inn, I-10 & Geronimo. **WRITE:** Club, Box 3535, El Paso 79923.

## MARCH 21-22

**SOUTH PLAINS COIN CLUB**, annual show, Lubbock Civic Center

## MARCH 27-29

**TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSN.**, 29th convention, **HOST:** Gateway Coin Club, Convention Center, downtown San Antonio. **BOURSE:** Michael Greenspan, Box 690041, San Antonio 78269-0041.

## APRIL 11-12

**CORPUS CHRISTI COIN CLUB**, coin show.

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## APRIL 24-25

**WACO COIN CLUB**, annual show, Waco Convention Center. **BOURSE:** Robert Scheutze, Box 8773, Waco 76714-8773.

## SEPTEMBER 12-13

**ROSE CITY COIN CLUB**, annual show, Harvey Hall.

## NOVEMBER 6-7

**AUSTIN COIN CLUB**, annual show, Quality Inn South. **WRITE:** Club, Box 1225, Austin 78767.

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## FUTURE TNA CONVENTIONS

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1988 - April 22-24, **TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSN. CONVENTION**, Houston.

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1990 — FORT WORTH

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the bags down and apologized saying he was afraid of dogs and would go no further. Standing in the door was my mom and her dog. I laughed and carried the bags the rest of the way, thinking this was a fitting ending for such a trip.

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## MEMBER CLASSIFIED ADS

Here is the first group of member ads as approved on a trial basis by the TNA Board. Remember, 25-word limit, \$1.00 per ad, deadline: February 1 for the March issue. Send them to Mike Greenspan, P.O. Box 690041, San Antonio, TX 78259-0041.

**WANTED:** Denton, TX National Bank Notes, large or small size. Frank Clark, P.O. Box 117060, Carrollton, TX 75011.

**WANTED:** "Cash on the Line," published by John A. Novak, Vol. 1, #1 through Vol. 3, #18. John Kallman, 5431 Sea Horse Drive, San Antonio, TX 78242.

**COLLECTOR** needs pre-1940 San Antonio tokens. Pay cash or trade tokens, Mexican or World coins. State your needs. Leo Warren, Box 30101, San Antonio, TX 78285.

**WANTED:** Drug store, druggist and soda tokens from all states, but especially Texas and New Mexico, Mike Greenspan, Box 690041, San Antonio, TX 78269-0041.

**WANTED:** Change scrip (probably paper) from Sears Roebuck, Montgomery Ward, etc., or from USDA-authorized grocery stores. Ellis, 14527 Woods Hole, San Antonio, TX 78233.

**WANTED:** Turkey 1978 500 lira FAO Gold Proof; Yeoman Y-183. Raymond Tate, 3642 Tuscany, San Antonio, TX 78219.

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# TEXAS

## District Meetings

**PLEASE NOTE:** If your club activities are not listed that means (1) The report was not received by the 1st of the month deadline or (2) The TNA Club representative, reporter or secretary did not send it to the TNA NEWS editor.

### DISTRICT I —

Ellis Randals displayed his collection of South and Central American Sun and Mountain gold coins at one of the meetings of **Stephenville Coin Club** and at the next meeting he brought old and new gold European gold coins. The oldest were a 370 B.C. silver Roman drachm and a 470 A.D. gold coin of the Byzantine Empire.

Attention was called to the Col. Darrah membership award and also the Club Salute award. The club is entering both contests.

Meetings are held at the Golden Corral Steak House and auctions are held at all meetings. — **Lorene Randals, Sec.**

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New officers for 1987 were elected for the **Fort Worth Coin Club** and are: Elleta Havens, president, Gary Stewart, vice president, Jackie Hagood, treasurer, Elizabeth Klinglesmith, secretary, and Mel Ha-



**Morris Johnson**  
Governor

good, Ted Court, Jerry Conger and Charles Williams, directors.

Final plans were made for the Christmas party at Diamond Oaks Country Club. New club members include James M. Howard, Nancy and Mike Harris and Robert Buell.

A video program was given on "Coins and Collections." — **FWCC Newsletter.**

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### DISTRICT II —

Dr. David L. Norton was nominated to serve as TNA District 2 governor at the November meeting of **Midland Coin Club**. Fifteen attended.

August Ganze, retiring TNA governor, explained the job of district governor and what it entailed in the line of time and expense. Club members expressed appreciation to Ganze for having served in that capacity the past few years. — **D. L. Norton, Sec.**

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**August H. Ganze Jr.**  
Governor

## DISTRICT V —

A new slate of officers was elected by **Garland Coin Club** headed by Frank Clark, president; Carl Agerbeck, vice president; Jim Jeska, secretary treasurer; Al Bromberg and Ray Holt, directors.



**Paul Garner**  
Governor

The annual Christmas dinner was planned for K-Bob's on December 9. C. C. Andrews presented a slide program on "Maria Theresa's Family on Coins." The auction was conducted by Frank Clark.

During the business session, the club voted against TNA issuing a membership list, decided not to host the 1989 TNA convention, and expressed the opinion that the TNA convention should move from city to city so that all collectors in Texas will have an opportunity to visit it. — **Club Bulletin.**

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## DISTRICT VI —

Several programs were given at the meeting of **Greater Houston Coin Club** held in the new meeting location — St. Andrews Lutheran Church on Witte Road

Alvin Stern discussed his business as a certified



**Chris Johns**  
Governor

appraiser of the American Society of Appraisers. Barney Loche presented a slide program on "Odd & Curious Monies of the World."

A report on the TNA mid-year meeting held in Austin was given by Chris Johns, District 6 governor. Chris and Nela Runkle will serve as co-chairpersons of the refreshments committee. — **DoubleShift Newsletter.**

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A "Cool Yule" celebration was planned for members of **Bellaire Coin Club** on December 15. No business was conducted at that time.

During the first meeting of the month business, auction, refreshments and games took up the evening. — **Club Bulletin.**

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**Pasadena Coin Club** members were making last minute plans for the coin show in November and the Christmas party in December. It was reported that attendance at meetings was increasing

Door prize winners have been Charles Brundle, Helen Brantner, Larry Vaun, Chris Johns and Cecil Frazier. Robert Shelby joined the club and Russ Clickner was presented an ANA educational award for his recent program on the "Origin of Coinage." — **Pasadena Plain Talk.**

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## DISTRICT VII —

Harold Eiserloh gave a program on gold and wood figures of years ago at the meeting of **Alamo Coin Club** of San Antonio. Harold also gave a slide program on paper money at the previous meeting.

The Christmas party was planned for December 11 at Grady's Barbecue with a gift exchange.

New members have included Kenneth Bovenkamp and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Young. — **Club Bulletin**.



**Frank Galindo**  
Governor

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John K. Kallman accepted the position as secretary of the **Gateway Coin Club** of San Antonio, and appointed as ANA representative was Mike Greenspan and Miriam Gilmore will serve as TNA representative. Other officers are Raymond Tate, president; Freeman L. Craig, vice president; and Cliff Valley, treasurer.

"U.S. Fractional Currency" was the topic discussed by Craig. The currency was used from 1863 until after the fifth issue was printed in 1874-1875. It is still legal tender for face value.

It was reported that Robert Laceywell has arranged for club meetings and other publicity to appear in the San Antonio Light and hopefully, the Express-News will begin the listing soon.

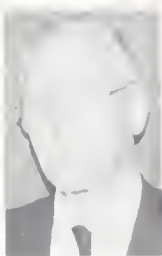
Due to the New Year's Day holi-

day falling on a meeting night, that date has been changed to January 29. The regular meeting date of January 15 remains the same. — **The Gatepost**.

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## DISTRICT VIII —

The new meeting place for **Corpus Christi Coin Club** members is working out fine, according to the **Club Bulletin**. They now meet in the new Corpus Christi Public Library, 805 Comanche St.



**Joe Davis**  
Governor

Dan Kilgore, well known historian, talked on "Texas Tokens" and he noted that San Antonio had 761 more tokens than any other city in Texas due largely to the railroad. Scheduled to give a future program was Allen Yaffe on paper money.

The Christmas dinner was set for December 12 at Nolan's Surrey & Sirloin with a "gag" gift exchange.

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## DISTRICT IX —

The only meeting report from District 9 came from **South Plains Coin Club** of Lubbock when club officers were elected.

Officers are Norris Rumsey, president, Wally



**E. I. Pitzer**  
Governor

Borchardt vice president; and Carl Roberson, secretary treasurer. Roberson was voted Member of the Year.

Charles Davis is a new member. The auction was conducted by Jim Hall, assisted by D. O. Joplin. Hanson Ling gave a question and answer program on Coin Trivia. — E. L. Pitzer, Gov. Dist. 9.

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## DISTRICT XI —

1987 Amarillo Coin Club officers are C. H. Maple, 1st vice president; Darrell Tipton, 2nd vice president; Pam Tipton, secretary, Linda Caylor, treasurer; and Roy Wilson, TNA representative. A club president was not listed in the Club Bulletin.

Plans for December included the annual Christmas dinner and a Charity Auction. Homer Dotts gave a program the month before on "Treasury of Caballo Bay" and displayed some of the coins.

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## DISTRICT XIV —

A marked increase in attendance was reported by the Hidalgo Coin Club of the Rio Grande Valley where meetings are held in San Juan. Average has been 34 present the past few meetings, and four new members joined: Shirley and Thomas Reilly, Bob Hamilton and Daniel Guthrie. A TNA Sesquicentennial medal was given to

Ada Lee Chisum  
Governor

each new member.

Fred Brooks reported on his trip to the Exposition in Vancouver, British Colombia, Canada, and his attendance at the ANA convention in Milwaukee.

Door prizes were won by Mrs. Ed Bruner and Horacio Fernandez. — Helen Snider, Sec., Ada Lee Chisum, Gov. Dist. 14.

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## DISTRICT XIII —

Members of Seymour Coin Club nominated Raymond E. Whyborn to serve another term as TNA governor, District 13.

Gene Wheeler presented a hands-on seminar on coin grading. All coins were provided by Dick Norton. The Redbook was used as a basic guide and supplemented that with the ANA Grading Guide, plus other guides. Each member had the opportunity to compare the coins with the book. — Raymond E. Whyborn, Gov. Dist. 13.



Raymond E. Whyborn  
Governor

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Thirty seven were present at the November meeting of Greenbelt Coin Club in Vernon. There was no formal business because of a large auction. Highlight of the sale was a U.S. gold set of four coins in a plastic holder which went for \$1200. Auctioneers were Emmett Robinson and Bill Howard.

Gene Wheeler and Ray Whyborn displayed two complete sets of the new American Eagle gold coins and gave mintages and prices. Wheeler explained the program and how it operates. — **Raymond E. Whyborn, Gov. Dist. 13.**

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The annual Christmas party hosted by **Red River Coin Club** of Iowa Park was set for December 18 at the Wichita Falls Hilton Inn. Plans included a buffet dinner furnished by the club, numismatic gift exchange and a traditional holiday tree.

Nineteen attended the meeting when final plans also were made for the November coin show. Connally O'Brian is the new TNA club representative. — **Raymond E. Whyborn, Gov. Dist. 13.**

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**Wichita Falls Coin & Stamp Club** nominated Raymond E. Whyborn as a candidate for TNA District 13 governor. Whyborn is currently in that position.

New officers also were elected — Morris Lemmon, president; Jan Blankenship, vice president, Pauline Copelin, secretary, and Tom Curran, treasurer

Members will join the **Red River Coin Club** in celebrating at their Christmas party. An auction closed the meeting. — **Raymond E. Whyborn, Gov. Dist. 13.**

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## DISTRICT XV —

The December meeting of **Greater Orange Coin Club** was the annual Christmas party at Western Choice Restaurant. Numerous door prizes including free meals were given.

New officers elected are Sid King, president; Ed White, vice president; Bill Stein, secretary; and Dewey L. Scott, treasurer.

Ski Bilowich was the lucky winner of the special drawing — ounce of silver. — **Becky Scott, Sec.**

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Jerry Williams, Art Larkin and Rex Woodard were appointed to select a worthy recipient for the annual C. L. Babcock Award given by **Beaumont Coin Club**. A committee made up of Dale Richey, Jack Provost and John Brown were to decide on a site for the Christmas party dinner

Sid King presented a program on tips for collecting coins for specific sets. He stressed the importance of the "eye appeal" of a coin. He said it is very important to invest in good holders. King also led the auction. — **Kaye Brown, Sec.**

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The newly organized **Silsbee Coin Club** is hosting the first annual coin show on February 7 in the Community Center, Hwy. 965, Silsbee. Bourse chairman is Jack Provost, Box 1676 Silsbee 77656. Everyone is welcome to attend



**Dewey L. Scott**  
Governor

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Charles Bay.

It is in this exact location that the U.S. government now maintains the Aransas Wildlife Refuge. It is in this same refuge that the famous and endangered whooping cranes make their winter home. From the tower on the refuge, tourists appear to be searching the landscape for the world's tallest birds, when in fact, they may be using the powerful built-in telescopes to search the by-ways for some semblance of Lafitte's buried treasure.

The "Red Tide" that recently washed into the Coastal Bend, killing millions of fish, was caused by some blood-red microscopic organism, the origin of which still remains a mystery. There is no scientific data that this phenomenon could have been initiated by a bloodbath that

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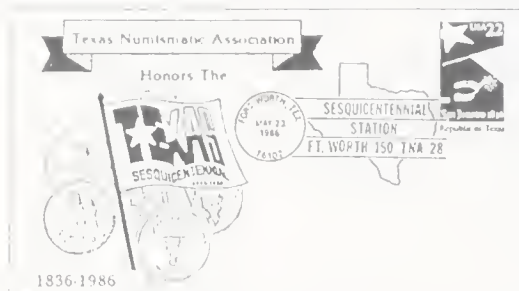
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